No Judicial Officials in 13 Ghazni Districts

GHAZNI CITY - Residents and provincial council members say there are no judicial officials in 13 districts of southern Ghazni province and people approach Taliban militants to decide their problems. These districts include Nawor, Ajratan, Gilan, Namo, Ab Band, Gir, Andar, Waghel, Belaran Shahbud, Wali Mohammad Shahbud, Bishabdo, Zara Khan and Deh Yak. But judicial officials exist in Ghazni City, the provincial capital, Khoja Jawhar, Quarah Bagh, Malistan and Margoz districts.

Ghazni provincial council chief Hamdullah Nazerz said Pajhwok Afghan News that those were no justice and judicial workers in 13 districts of the province. He said residents of the 13 districts mostly approached tribal elders and Taliban militants to resolve their legal matters.

The public representative urged the provincial government to send judicial workers in 13 districts mostly affected.

35 Traders Kidnapped in Past One Month: Alokozai

KABUL - The fifth meeting of the Afghanistan and Iran Economic Conference underway in Tehran on Tuesday in Tehran where discussions centered around bilateral cooperation on customs issues, energy, transport and educational scholarships.

In the meantime a number of economic analysts say that Afghanistan will find it’s way to global markets through Iran and that Afghan officials need to build good economic ties with Tehran. Bilateral economic cooperation is an important element in the war-ravaged country said Wednesday. Afghanistan has already provided four Mi-25 helicopters to Afghanistan and US Commander General John Nicholson said the country needs more military aircraft to deal with Taliban and various other terror outfits. Welcoming India’s contribution to restoring peace and stability in Afghanistan, Nicholson said terror outfits like Haqqani network, Lashkar-e-Taliban and various other terror outfits.

35 Traders Kidnapped in Past One Month: Alokozai

KABUL - The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACC) on Tuesday said 35 businessmen were kidnapped during the past one month in five provinces.

Calling widespread corruption and insecurity as hurdles to the private sector’s development, ACC deputy head Khan Jan Alokozai told a gathering in Kabul that traders were concerned about the growing insecurity and their own safety.

No Govt will Support Afghanistan unless Corruption Curbed: UNAMA

KABUL - Michael Hartmann, Chief of the Rule-of-Law Unit of the UN Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) has said that a criminal continues to steal money provided in aid to Afghanistan, no country will be prepared in future to support Afghanistan. He said that the world wants to see that there is a light going on against corruption in Afghanistan. He asked the national unity government to correct rampant elements regardless of their positions.

“The Afghan people are tired of this and the Afghan people want a change, and the family of nations needs to be assured that it is being tackled, because no government or people want to provide support if the support is stolen by criminals,” said Hartmann. He said that the international community is committed to helping Afghanistan recuperate the money that has been stolen.

Atmar Off to Dushanbe for Talks on Security Cooperation

KABUL - National Security Advisor Mohammad Hanif Atmar on Wednesday left for Dushanbe on a day-long official visit for talks with his Tajik counterpart. A statement from the National Security Council said Atmar was visiting the Central Asian country at the invitation of Tajik Security Council Secretary Abduhakim Qohberov. The advisor is due to meet Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rahmon on subjects of common interest, including security cooperation and the fight against terrorism. Atmar would also convey President Ashraf Ghani’s greetings to Rahmon, the statement added. He will...(More on P4)...(2)

Naderi Appointed As Administrative Reform, Civil Service Commission Chief

KABUL - President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has appointed Nader Naderi as the chief of the independent administrative reform and civil service commission. The Office of the President, ARG Palace, in a statement, said Mr. Naderi has been appointed Nader Naderi as the chief of the independent administrative reform and civil service commission in a statement, said Mr. Naderi has been appointed.